

HOUSE No. 3709

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, petition of Harold P. Naughton, Jr., and others for legislation to establish a military scholarship program for children, siblings and spouses of certain veterans. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO A MILITARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 16 of Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the ninth paragraph the
3 following paragraph:—
4 There shall be a Military Service Scholarship Program pursuant to
5 Section 16 of Chapter 15A of the General Laws to provide full
6 scholarships to the children, siblings or widowed spouses of Massa-
7 chusetts servicemen and servicewomen, who are killed or die or are
8 severely disabled from injuries received while in the performance of
9 duties including authorized training duty; to children, siblings or
10 widowed spouses of prisoners of war or military or service persons
11 missing in action in any foreign land, including but not limited to,
12 Iraq and Afghanistan, whose wartime service is credited to the

13 Commonwealth and whose service was Between September eleven
14 two thousand one, and the termination of both the Iraq and
15 Afghanistan campaign; to the children, siblings and widowed
16 spouses of veterans whose service was credited to the Common-
17 wealth and who were killed in action or otherwise died as a result of
18 such service. Such scholarships shall be awarded by the council pur-
19 suant to its guidelines established to govern this program and shall
20 go to those persons referenced above who are admitted to an institu-
21 tion of higher education in the Commonwealth to pursue undergrad-
22 uate studies. The guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, a
23 waiver of mandatory fees, tuition, books, room and board, or other
24 school mandated related expenses.